

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) An electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a remote user terminal and an information terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

accessing a menu of available electronic contents using said remote user terminal;

acquiring an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from among the available electronic contents by using ~~a~~ said remote user terminal linked via a network to a server in which the available electronic contents are recorded; and

supporting the downloading of the retrieved electronic content to a recording medium by inputting the identification code to said information terminal, ~~without performing, in said store, a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the available electronic contents.~~

2. (currently amended) An electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a remote user terminal and an information terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

accessing a menu of available electronic contents using said remote user terminal;

downloading, to a portable recording medium, an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from among the available electronic contents by using asaid remote user terminal linked via a network to a server in which the available electronic contents are recorded; and

supporting the downloading of the retrieved electronic content to the recording medium by supplying the identification code from the recording medium to said information terminal, ~~without performing, in said store, a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the available electronic contents.~~

3. (currently amended) An electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a remote user terminal and an information terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

accessing a menu of available electronic contents using said remote user terminal;

retrieving a content from the available electronic contents by using a said remote user terminal linked via a network to a server in which the available electronic contents are recorded, and downloading an identification code for identifying the retrieved electronic content;

verifying the retrieved electronic content by inputting the downloaded identification code to said information terminal, ~~without performing, in said store, a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the available electronic contents~~; and

downloading the retrieved electronic content to a recording medium loaded into said information terminal.

4. (currently amended) An electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a remote user terminal and a store terminal in a store, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

accessing a menu of available electronic contents using said remote user terminal;

acquiring an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from the available electronic contents by using a said remote user terminal to access via a network a server in which the available electronic contents are recorded;

inputting the identification code to said store terminal, ~~without using said store terminal to perform a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the available electronic contents~~; and

supporting the purchase of electronic content corresponding to the identification code.

5. (currently amended) An electronic content providing method for performing electronic content provision to a user by using a remote user terminal and a store terminal which is installed in a store and which is linked via broadband link to a server in which a plurality of electronic contents are recorded, said electronic content providing method comprising the steps of:

accessing a menu of electronic contents using a remote user terminal;

acquiring an identification code for identifying an electronic content which is retrieved from the electronic contents by using a said remote user terminal linked via a narrowband link to said server; and

supporting the purchase of the electronic content corresponding to the  
identification code by inputting the identification code to said store terminal, ~~without using said~~  
~~store terminal to perform a process for retrieving a specified electronic content from the~~  
~~electronic contents.~~